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S.B. No. 935

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of reading excellence teams.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.1031 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.1031. READING EXCELLENCE TEAMS. (a) The commissioner shall establish and make available reading excellence teams to school campuses rated academically unacceptable under Section 39.054 on the basis of student performance on the reading assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a) to students in grade three.

(b) A reading excellence team assigned to a specific campus will work with that campus and review the results of the campus's reading instruments administered under Section 28.006 from the two previous school years to determine which campus classrooms the reading excellence team will assist.

(c) The commissioner shall adopt criteria for selecting highly trained reading instruction specialists to serve on the reading excellence teams.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.